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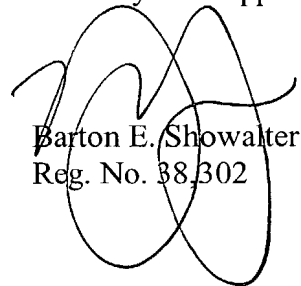
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An Office Action for this application was mailed on September 13, 2004. However, Examiner Nguyen has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 29, 2004.

Accordingly, **Applicant hereby requests confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Nguyen is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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